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River Street Festival This Saturday

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(June 15, 2005- TROY)- The date is set, the bands are booked, the arts and crafts are juried, and the hope for nice weather is on, as the Second Annual River Street Festival is set to take place on Saturday June 18th beginning at 10 a.m.

The bash will again take place along River Street in historic downtown Troy. Much like 2004, organizers are busy spreading the word after signing up arts, antiques, crafts and food vendors for the event, which is set to coincide with the kickoff to summer in the Collar City. The hours of the festival will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“With a year of planning under our belts we’re looking for a bigger and even better festival this year,” Mayor Harry J. Tutunjian said. “With a little luck from Mother Nature we’ll have thousands of people descending upon the downtown area to listen to great music, do some shopping, and enjoy a family friendly event.”

The lineup of bands for the 2005 River Street Festival is an eclectic group of local acts with a headliner gaining national recognition. Brenda V and the Charms will headline the second annual festival, playing around 5 p.m. at the Congress Street Stage. Other bands playing on June 18th include: The Staynz, Black Cat Elliot, Big Frank and the Bargin Bingers, School Bus Yellow, Cliff Street and the Greyhounds. Local favorites Super 400 will also play, warming up the stage for The Charms.

There has also been a third stage added that will feature the best in local acoustic music. Outside of music and crafts, the festival will also feature performing underground media artists in the City Hall Parking Garage, award-winning magician Jeffrey Jene, games with the Tri-City Valley Cats, and the Annual Fence Show at the Arts Center of the Capital Region.

Dunkin Donuts, Bonded Concrete, and M & T Bank are the sponsors of the event.

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